



Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall

Built 1869

Restored 1974-86

Important notice to all hirers

This is a **vital** part of your conditions of hire if you are having any form of music at your function and you the hirer must acknowledge, accept and sign these conditions in order for your booking to be accepted.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE CONTROL SYSTEM

With immediate effect, an Environmental Noise Control System has been installed within the Village Hall to the stage area.

The noise level has been set by the Bristol City Council - Environmental Health Officer- Pollution Control – and not by the Village Hall and is tamper proof. If the noise level is exceeded, the noise control unit will trip and the electrical power to the offending equipment will be lost that is, cut off. The power supply can only be restored by and at the discretion of members of the Village Hall

The Hirer of the Hall on the occasion to hand will be wholly and absolutely responsible for ensuring the noise level within the Hall is not exceeded by any means for the duration of the hiring or booking, including powered musical equipment.

The Environmental Noise Control System features a wall mounted bar-graph VU meter to give a visual indication of the noise level in the Hall. Anyone can see the volume level, including importantly and largely significantly those persons creating the noise level, anticipated to be but not necessarily from the stage area. While the meter is operating in the GREEN section, with even an occasional peak into the RED, there is no cause for concern. If the noise level is high enough to light the OVER LIMIT section of the meter, that is three RED sections, the noise has exceeded the allowable limit. Within seconds, the unit will trip and the electrical supply lost.

In order to avoid the cutting off or loss of the electrics during the course of the hiring by exceeding the noise limit, it is suggested that the hirer/ stage user / sound provider / others at the time of setting up at the commencement of the event ensures that the allowable noise level will not be exceeded at any time. It might be considered by some that the allowable noise limit is not acceptable to them / their equipment / the occasion, but this limit is absolute, set in stone and non-negotiable; those person or persons must either comply or remove/ not connect up the noise source.

There are no circumstances whatsoever under which the Village Hall accept any liability or responsibility to any person or persons for any damage howsoever caused to any equipment of others within the Hall arising from the above where exceeding the allowable

noise limit level tripping the noise control system the loss of power to that equipment and the restoration of power.

Any attempt to bypass the noise control system in any way and to include seeking to or actually connecting up to any power source within the Hall beyond that power source provided to the stage area will result in and at the absolute discretion of the Village Hall that event being immediately discontinued and people present being asked to leave. Furthermore, no future bookings for the Hirer will be considered.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding